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SUBJ: INDUSTRIAL SITE AT OWENDO

- 1. DURING MEETING WITH CHARGE JUNE 13, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF PORTS, CLAUDE DAMAS, SAID THAT GOG PLANNING TO BUILD INDUSTRIAL SITE AT OWENDO PORT. SITE WOULD BE LOCATED ON 60-100 HECTARES AND WORK INVOLVED WOULD INCLUDE CLEARING AWAY, TERRACING, BUILDING REQUIRED BUILDI GS, INSTALLING ELECTRICITY AND WATER, ETC. DAMAS ESTIMATED TOTAL COST OF PROJECT TO BE BETWEEN 500 BILLION AND 800 BILLION CFA (DOLS 2.5 MILLION TO 4 MILLION). DAMAS SAID GOG INTERESTED IN HAVING AMERICAN FIRM UNDERTAKE THIS PROJECT IN ORDER TO UTILIZE EXIM FINANCING. FYI. DAMAS TALKED TO EXIMBANK MISSION DURING THEIR RECENT VISIT ABOUT PROJECT. EXIM SAID IF AMERICAN FIRM WILLING TO UNDERTAKE PROJECT THEY WOULD CONSIDER EXIM FINANCING. END FYI.
- 2. EMBASSY BELIEVES THIS COULD BE GOOD OPPORTUNITY FOR MEDIUM SIZE CONSTRUCTION FIRM SEEKING OVERSEAS OUTLETS TO INSTALL SELVES IN GABON. AS USDOC AWARE, THERE CURRENTLY ARE AND WILL BE MANY CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS OF VARYING SIZES IN GABON. WHILE THIS PROJECT NOT EXTREMELY LARGE, IT NONETHELESS COULD LEAD TO BIGGER THINGS IN THE FUTURE.
- 3. FOR KINSHASA. PLEASE PASS ABOVE TO KALICAK INTERNATIONAL WHO RECENTLY VISITED LIBREVILLE AND EXPRESSED UNCLASSIFIED

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